

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of all of the claims except for claim 45. Claim 45 is indicated as being anticipated by US 5,701,561 to Speckhard. Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that claim 45 is not *prima facie* anticipated.

Claim 45 requires that the imaging apparatus be "individual imaging apparatus." In Speckhard, the apparatus is a single imaging apparatus with multiple toning stations for the same image. This does not meet the requirements of the claim 45.

New independent claim 49 is similar to claim 45, except that "separate printers" replaces "individual imaging apparatus." Applicants submit that this claim has the same scope as claim 4, despite the use of different terminology. Both claims define separate imagers.

Claims 47, 48, 50 and 51 have been added to claim features of the invention that were not claimed earlier. Support for the features can be found at page 18, lines 9-10.

Applicants note that the Notice of References Cited (PTO-892 form) attached to the office action had an error in recording reference C, which should be 5,933,685 (instead of "3,933,685".) The Examiner is respectfully requested to correct the form so that the correct number will appear on the front of the patent that issues and provide the applicants with a copy of the corrected form.

A notice of allowance is respectfully awaited.

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